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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
RUNGE et al.

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International Application
PCT/EP 99/02925

Filed: April 29, 1999

For: DRY MICROORGANISM CULTURES AND THEIR PREPARATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-18 and insert new claims 19-37 on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The claims in the case are claims 19-37. The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to put it in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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